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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Darin G. Schaeffer, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/769,962

Filed: February 2, 2004

For: TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE AND LOADING DILATOR

Attorney Docket No: 10703/042 (PA-5375-US)

Examiner: Ali, Shumaya B.

Art Unit: 3743

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

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- ☒ AMENDMENT  
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☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).  
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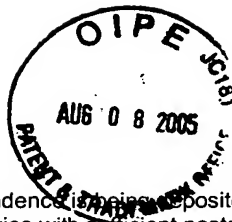
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Respectfully submitted,

Aug. 4, 2005  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.